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Theater-In-The-Woods To Produce Chayefsky Hit

Performances are being polished up for the first Theater-In-The-Woods production of "Middle of the Night," by Paddy Chayefsky, June 6-7, 13-14.

Starring in the show which was a recent Broadway hit will be Jacquie (Mrs. David) Blumenthal, and the director, Sol Blumenthal.

MRS. BLUMENTHAL was recently featured as Miss Adelaide in a Footlight Musicals production of "Guys and Dolls."

Other members of the Jewish community center's theater workshop to complete the cast are

Mmes. Max Reefer, Morris Cohen, Joseph Simpkin, Harry Greenberg, Sol Blumenthal, Milton Bohard, Miss Frances Samuels, Mike Cohen and Mike Kirsch.

PRODUCTION crews are preparing the barn theater in back of the center for the show. There will be one other this summer, "Bus Stop," by William Inge.

Ticket books of four for \$5, or single tickets at \$1.50 may be purchased by calling or writing the center or any member of the workshop.

AT JUNE 4 INSTALLATION

AJCongress Regional Director To Talk On Human Rights

Norman H. Perlstein, the recently appointed Mid-West regional director of the American Jewish Congress, will discuss "The Unfulfilled Promise of Hu-

man Rights" at a Congress installation dinner at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 4, at the Marott hotel.

Irving Frank will install Allen Sklare, president; Sidney Zimbalist, Dr. M. E. Holdes, Sidney Cahan, and George Siskind, vice-presidents; Mrs. Hannah Allen, secretary; and Lee Marcus, treasurer.

Perlstein is a former Connecticut newspaper man. In the last two years he has participated in a variety of community activities in Detroit involving matters of church-state relations, interpretation of the Middle East and civil rights.

The meeting is open to Congress members and their guests. Reservations may be made by calling Mrs. Naomi Siskind, LI 6-9184, or Mrs. Rosalie Segall, GL 1-8209.

LEVINE'S 2D CAR IN RACE

Dan Levine's second car, No. 65 Federal Engineering Special, qualified for the Indianapolis Speedway on the last day. Driven by Bob Christie, it averaged 143.244 miles.

JCC POOL TO OPEN SATURDAY

The Jewish community center swimming pool will open for its fourth season at 1 p. m. Saturday, May 30.

This year the pool and equipment have been renovated and repainted for the first time.

The pool will be open Sunday through Thursday from 10 a. m. to 10 p. m.; Friday, 10 a. m. to 5 p. m.; and Saturday, 1 p. m. to 10 p. m.

Regulations for the use of the pool are as follows:

1. In-town guests can use the pool three times over the season during week days only. Charges are \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children under 13 years of age.
2. Members who have guests from out-of-town may purchase a weekly pass for \$3 per person except for children under five years of age. Holders of the weekly passes may use the pool week days and week ends.
3. Both in-town and out-of-town guests must be accompanied by a member.
4. Children in eighth grade and under are not allowed in the pool area after 8 p. m. unless accompanied by an adult.

DRIVE HITS \$383,130 IN ONE-DAY CLEAN UP

In an M-Day clean up on May 24, some 40 volunteers helped push the 1959 Jewish Welfare Federation campaign to a total of \$383,130.



This sum represents 1350 contributions in the \$600,000 drive according to chairman Samuel Schahet.

More than 250 pledges were received in the one-day telephone canvass revealed Mrs. Frank Barnett, M-Day chairman. Workers made telephone calls from JWF campaign headquarters and pledges were picked up by a corps of car messengers.

Additional cards are still in the hands of workers, and are expected to increase the present general solicitations total of \$12,000, an increase of 60 per cent over last year.

Mrs. Barnett is planning three additional "boiler-room" telephone-

ing sessions from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, June 1, from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 3, and from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, Sunday, June 7.

She estimates that there are at least 500 cards to be covered.

In other divisions of the campaign, advance gifts report a total of \$279,000 to date, and business and professional division has raised \$25,000, with a 33 per cent increase.

The women's division is at \$65,000, for an increase of 30 per cent over last year.

In all divisions the leadership is urging workers to complete their cards and to return them as soon as possible, so that the campaign can be finished.

The following workers participated in the clean-up effort last Sunday:

Mrs. Albert Goldberg, Mrs. Isadore Dock, Manfred Julius, Dr. Abraham Max, Mrs. Louis Schwartz, Dr. Reuben Shevitz, Joseph Price, Robert Trattner, Dr. Edwin Pollock, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nelson, Joseph Taback, Miss Lillian Landy, Ralph Segall, Mrs. Morris Schwartz, Mrs. Julius Zukerman, and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Gurvitz.

Mrs. Stanley T. Segal, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Zuckerman, Morton Leeds, Abraham Bortz, Emanuel Deitz, Marvin Berman, Alvin Mordoh, J. Marvyn Stern, Isadore Sisker, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Weinberger, Jeff Ackerman, Saragrace Bennett, Frank Cook, Nancy Goldsmith, Dick Kochman, Gary Schahet, and Marilyn Schahel.

At JCRC Meeting Next Month

NOTED LAWYER TO DISCUSS 'SEGREGATION: MENACE'

Will Maslow, general counsel of the American Jewish Congress, will speak about "Segregation: The Menace to Northern Cities" at the annual Indianapolis Jewish Community Relations council meeting, Wednesday evening, June 24.

NOMINATED for council board of directors members-at-large, for election at the meeting, are Emanuel Deitz, Richard Efroymson, Julian Freeman, Mrs. Max Klezmer, Mrs. Walter Lichtenstein, Mrs. Ben Paller, Lewis Schwartz, Mrs. Albert Goldberg, and Stanley Talesnick.

The nominations were announced by Max Klezmer, chairman of the nominating committee.

Additional nominations may be made upon written petition of five eligible persons in the community, to be filed with the CRC secretary, Harry Berns, 5139 N. Kenwood, not later than 12 days before the meeting.

An eligible person is one who has contributed to the Jewish Welfare Federation.

MASLOW, an attorney, has been director of the AJCongress commission on law and social action since 1945, and has served as associate counsel of the New York City department of investigation, as hearing officer for the

National Labor Relations Board, and as chairman of the commission on civil rights of the National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials.



WILL MASLOW
... AJCongress Advisor on Law

Summertime Ends Friday Services

Late Friday evening services at Congregation B'nai Torah ended last week, May 22, for the summer.

Regular minyans will be held at 7:45 p.m. daily.

At Indianapolis Hebrew congregation the last late service will be held on the Sabbath before Shavuot, Friday June 5. Vesper services will be at 5:30 p. m. in the IHC chapel beginning June 12.

Due to several late spring bar mitzvas, the late services at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck will continue until Friday, June 26.

WHAT'S DOING

Saturday, May 30

1 p.m.—Jewish community center pool opens.

Monday, June 1

12:30 p. m. — Beth-El sisterhood's annual closing luncheon.

Tuesday, June 2

12:30 — Jewish National Home for Asthmatic Children installation, Brodey's Village Inn, 21st and Arlington.

6:30 p. m. — Deborah sisterhood installation dinner, Warren hotel.

8:30 p. m. — Chug Hoivri meeting, home of Max Sacks, 5926 N. Meridian.

Thursday, June 4

7 p. m. — American Jewish Congress installation dinner, Marott hotel.

Friday, June 5

12:30 p. m. — Council garden club's closing meeting, home of Mrs. Myron Wolf, 5616 N. Meridian.



They'll Find 'Em!

If there are any ladies left in Indianapolis who haven't joined Hadassah or the Auxiliary Hadassah Mmes. Joe M. Epstein, Max Dorkus, and Wolf Rosenblum will seek them out during the current Hadassah membership campaign. Mrs. Epstein is Auxiliary membership chairman, and Mmes. Dworkus and Rosenblum are Hadassah co-chairmen.

Chug Hoivri To Hear Rabbi W. P. Greenfeld

Rabbi William P. Greenfeld will discuss "Existentialism in Jewish Life" before the Chug Hoivri at 8:30 p. m. Tuesday, June 2, at the home of Max Sacks, 5926 N. Meridian.

All those who understand Hebrew are invited.

TELSHE YESHIVAH IN OHIO PLANS FUNDRAISING DRIVE HERE JUNE 9

Rabbi Aaron Paperman, executive vice-president of the Telshe Yeshiva, Wickliffe, O., will spearhead a fund-raising parlor meeting here June 9 in an attempt to raise \$25,000 for the college.

The evening, in the home of Max Sacks, 5926 N. Meridian, will be part of a national campaign to raise \$400,000 for the school's current building fund. Half of that sum has already been raised in pledges from cities such as Columbus, O., where \$20,000 was contributed, and Akron, O., which gave \$21,000.

The school which has a student body of 340 young men has pre-rabbinic, rabbinic, graduate departments and the Kaufman Pedagogical institute.

Local committee members supporting the one-day drive are Louis Cohen, Sam Dorfman, Eli Ettinger, Shoolem Ettinger, Max Goldberg, Albert P. Nahmias, Ben Prince, Dr. Harry S. Rabb, Jerome Sacks, Max Sacks, George Cohen and Gabriel Cohen.

The drive has been cleared by the Jewish Welfare Federation and all contributions are tax exempt.

SOCIAL COLUMN

Memorial Day Marks Unofficial Start of Summer Fun

By CYRILLE MELROSE
ME lrose 4-1307

Memorial Day weekend in Indianapolis seems to mean not only the stoppage of all activities for the annual 500 Race, but also the unofficial beginning of summertime activities and trips. Won't you let us know about yours?

going places . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Sol Davidson and Mr. and Mrs. Al Burman will attend the bar mitzva of Michael Edward Weinberger, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. John Weinberger, May 30, at Shaare Zedeck synagogue in St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Teitel, 3710 N. Meridian, flew to New York this week to spend a few days with relatives and friends.

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Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Simon and daughter will attend the bar mitzva of Alan D. Hyman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew S. Hyman, at B'rith Sholom temple in Louisville, June 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hochman, 6196 Central are leaving May 30 to spend the weekend with their daughter and son-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Berman in South Bend.

Paul Sicanoff, 3470 N. Meridian, left May 22 to visit his father, Bert Sicanoff, and his brother, Walton Sicanoff in Los Angeles, Calif. He will spend part of his 12-day vacation in Palm Springs.

for brides-to-be . . .

Parties in honor of Miss Shirley M. Prince's approaching marriage to Dr. Gerald J. Kurlander June 16 have been increasing in the last few weeks.

A few of them include a dinner for the bride-elect by Mrs. Arthur W. Banta in her home, 4619 N. Park ave., Apr. 21; a miscellaneous shower and luncheon given by Miss Prince's aunts, Mmes. Jack Neubauer and Nathan Prince in the Washington hotel; and a dinner for the couple May 9 at the King Cole, hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Dave Haase and Miss Lillian Lovinger.

On May 16, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Kurlander, the bridegroom-

elect's parents, gave a dinner and open house for the immediate family at their home in Cleveland. Accompanying the couple there were Miss Prince's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Prince, 3642 Winthrop ave., and Mrs. Paul Brodey, 7117 Stevens lane, Dr. Kurlander's aunt.

Miss Genell Jackson entertained Miss Prince at a luncheon May 23 at the Hawthorne room, and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Lovinger honored the couple at a May 25 dinner in Westchester country club.

welcome to hoosierland . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Martin, 5429 Central, will have as their guests Mrs. Martin's sister, Mrs. Albert Simon, and family from Los Angeles. They are expected to arrive on June 19, and will stay for about 10 days.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert G. Reuben, 51 W. Kessler, have returned from a short visit to Chicago to celebrate their 20th anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence L. Budd, 24 W. Hampton dr., returned this week from a couple of days in Chicago also.

MRS. SOPHIA PLOTKIN of Coral Gables, Fla., is here visiting Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kaseff, 400 Arden dr. She is Mrs. Kaseff's mother, and will remain for the graduation and confirmation of

her grandson and granddaughter respectively.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Goldberg, 5935 Woodside dr., hosted Rabbi Elias Charry of Germantown, Pa., early this week when he was in town to speak at the Zionists' Israel anniversary celebration, May 25. He was formerly rabbi at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck.

MISS LINDA PRAGER has returned home from her studies at Sophie Newcomb college for women of Tulane university in New Orleans.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Prager, 5151 N. Meridian, and will remain here until the middle of June when she will leave for Camp Chickagami, Winter, Wisc., where she will be a counselor.

'round the town . . .

Arlene Neubauer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Neubauer, 3029 Broadway, who is known as Arlene Martel in her professional singing career, has just signed a contract to appear at the annual jazz festival in French Lick.

Marsha Sue Levy, who will marry Lewis Milton Yaver Sunday, June 7, at Beth-El, and her groom-to-be will be entertained at several parties in the next week.

Miss Levy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Levy, 5315 N. Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Samuel Yaver, 3540 N.

Meridian Street, mother of the prospective bridegroom, will entertain June 4 at a rehearsal dinner in the Broadmoor country club.

MR AND MRS. Jack Kammins, 5365 Washington Boulevard, will honor the couple and out-of-town guests June 5. Mrs. Samuel Schahet and Mrs. Victor Goldberg will be hostesses June 6 at a luncheon in Broadmoor.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Weinberger will be hosts to the immediate family and out-of-town guests June 6 at a cocktail party in their home, 221 E. 70th st. Ind., in July and August.

The break for the 21-year-old songstress came when she was heard at a recent jazz festival in South Bend, where the aggregation took first place honors.

LOCALLY she and the band will appear in a jazz concert Friday, June 5, at the Knights of Columbus hall. She is currently appearing at the Columbia club with Billy Moore's orchestra.

Mrs. Max Zimet, 6020 Winnepenny ln., was recently elected vice-president of the Indianapolis Civic Ballet co., and she is also an ex-officio member of the group's board.

MMES. ROBERT BODNER and Sol Blickman have been elected to the PTA board at Delaware Trails school.

Mrs. John Wolf was recently named president of the PTA at the newly-formed Spring Mill school.

Mrs. Walter Wolf and Mrs. Hugo Strauss were elected vice-president and treasurer respectively of the Indianapolis Historical council.

Mrs. Ralph Levine has been appointed an officer of the PTA at school No. 66.

BARBARA Goldstein, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Goldstein, celebrated her ninth birthday May 23 by entertaining 23 of her classmates in her home.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Morris Goldberg on their 25th wedding anniversary and

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By CYRILLE MELROSE
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to Mrs. Sara Solomon on her 75th birthday.
A bar-be-que party will be held at the home of Milton Josh Fineberg, 200 Williams dr., Friday evening, May 29.
Clarence Efromyson will help lead a panel discussion on Thor-eau's Walden at the sixth annual great books dinner at 6:30 p. m. Tuesday, June 2, at the Butler university Atherton center.
Also participating will be Leon Adler, 39 Highland Manor ct., North Drive.
feeling better . . .
John Spitz underwent surgery

Leon W. Bergers Greet A New Granddaughter
Dr. and Mrs. Leon W. Berger of Beech Grove became grand-parents again when their daughter, Mrs. Lloyd A. Delman, gave birth to Sarah Anne Delman, May 9, in West Point, N. Y.
Dr. and Mrs. Delman's first daughter was born in the U.S. Army hospital at the U. S. Military Academy, where Dr. Delman is stationed. Mrs. Delman is the former Jane Berger.
The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harry Adelman, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

SIGMUND BRENNERS HAVE 1st DAUGHTER
A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Sigmund Brenner, 222 Claffey dr., May 26, at Coleman hospital.
They are also the parents of a son, Robert, 2. Mrs. Brenner is the former Carolyn Gorsey, daughter of Mrs. Robert Gorsey of Boston, Mass., and the late Dr. Gorsey.
The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brenner, 1 W. 28.

Dr. and Mrs. Leo Oliner Have 2d Son, Charles
Charles Joseph Oliner arrived May 12 in St. Vincent's hospital to be the second son of Dr. and Mrs. Leo Oliner, 533 N. White River parkway, E. dr.
The Oliners are also the parents of Stephen David, 2. Mrs. Oliner is the former Gertrude Strauss, daughter of Mrs. Sol Strauss of Chicago.
Mr. and Mrs. Isak Oliner of New York are the paternal grandparents.

Third Son, Elliot, Born To Lester A. Waldmans
Their third son, Elliot Ross, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lester A. Waldman, 7002 Spring Mill rd., May 19, in St Vincent's hospital
The Waldmans other sons are Michael, 12, and Terry, 9.
Mrs. Waldman is the former Doris Gordon, daughter of William Gordon of Chicago, who is expected here for the brit.
The paternal grandmother is Mrs. Celia Waldman.

JERRY JEROMES GREET JANICE
Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Jerome, 7184 Broadway, became the parents of their fourth child and third daughter, Janice Adair, Apr. 27, in St. Vincent's hospital.
The Jeromes' other children are Jaema, 6, Judith, 4½, and Jeffrey, 2½. Mrs. Jerome is the former Jane Cassell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Cassell of Columbus, Ind.
The paternal grandfather is A. A. Cohen of Chicago.

in Methodist hospital this week and is reported to be recovering nicely.
Murray Davidson, 2210 E. 70th, was in Methodist hospital for treatment this week, but was expected to return home for the Memorial Day weekend.

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DEATHS

Dr. Hans Klee, 53, Zionist Leader

GENEVA (P-O) — Dr. Hans Klee, 53, long president of the General Zionist Organization of Switzerland, and vice-president of the European executive of the World Confederation of General Zionists, died this week in Scena, Switzerland.

A journalist and author, Dr. Klee was a former member of the council of the Federations of Jewish Communities of Germany, and had been a member of the central committee of the Zionist Organization of Germany. He fled from Germany during the Nazi regime.

OTHER DEATHS

Max Lisitzky, 93, donor of the land for the University of Arizona Hillel foundation, last month in Phoenix... Rev. Moses Z. Tofield, 76, former cantor of B'nai Emunah congregation of Tulsa, Okla., in Los Angeles...

Charles Brier, 60, treasurer of the Brier and Little Nemo Manufacturing companies, jewelry manufacturers, this week in Providence.

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Rabbis Seeking to Break Hold of Seminary Over Conservative Movement Lose Battle

By CHARLES ROTH
Executive Editor, National Edition
CONCORD HOTEL, Kiamessa Lake, N. Y. (P-O)—A group of leftwing Conservative rabbis lost their fight here to break the domination of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America over the Conservative Movement.

THE RABBINICAL Assembly of America, at their annual convention here, overwhelmingly agreed to a compromise resolution renewing their agreement with the Seminary faculty. The agreement provides that matters of marriage and divorce will be dealt with officially only by the joint steering committee of the

PRESIDENT AGAIN RABBI KLEIN

CONCORD HOTEL, Kiamessa Lake, N. Y. — Rabbi Isaac Klein, Temple Emanuel, Buffalo, New York, was elected to a second term as president of the Rabbinical Assembly of America at the closing session. Rabbi Edward T. Sandrow, Temple Beth El, Cedarhurst, N. Y., was re-elected vice-president.

RA and the Seminary faculty. The compromise hinges on permitting the RA committee on law and standards to write its own responsa (interpretations of halaha) on marriage and divorce. It may not, however, present these interpretations as official policy of the Rabbinical Assembly.

PREVIOUS agreements prohibited the RA law committee from dealing in any way with hillhot ishut (laws of women, i.e., marriage and divorce).

Under the new agreement, Conservative Rabbis may look to either the law committee of the RA or the joint steering committee for decisions on marriage and divorce.

Only interpretations of the joint steering committee will be official policy of the Rabbinical Assembly and hence the Conservative movement.

THE CRUX of the marriage and divorce problem in Jewish law is the Aguna, a woman virtually free to remarry but bound to her previous spouse by religious technicalities or refusal by her husband to grant her a Jewish divorce.

The rightists in the Conservative movement feel that all changes in Jewish law alleviating the plight of the aguna should be derived from the halaha itself and that the changes be made within the spirit of the original halaha. In addition they feel that these changes should grow out of actual experience as specific cases come up.

THE LEFTISTS feel that the law should be changed on the basis of the needs of the present community and call for such rulings to be enacted immediately. Such rulings would provide that a rabbi could issue a Jewish divorce to a woman if her hus-

LAYMAN TURNS TABLES ON RABBIS

CONCORD HOTEL, Kiamessa Lake, N. Y. (P-O)—A layman turned the tables on the rabbis at the Conservative Rabbinical Assembly convention last week when United Synagogue president Bernath Jacobs called upon the rabbis to desist from eliminating practices and cutting down on prayers. "I know there are people in our movement," he charged, "who are always advocating changes in our religious practices. They think that by eliminating certain practices, and by cutting down on certain prayers, they will attract more people to the synagogue."

"I know that their intentions are good, but permit me to say: they are making a serious mistake." He added, "that what our people want is not less Judaism, but more Judaism."

"Don't ever be misled into believing that our laymen will have more respect for you, or for what you stand, if you give them a watered-down Judaism."

band who had already secured a civil divorce refused to grant her a Jewish one, if her husband was declared insane, or if her husband was missing.

The discussion on the resolution conducted in executive session was easily the highlight of the convention if capacity attendance and parliamentary wrangling were only indication.

OPPOSITION to the resolution came mostly from the Reconstructionist minority in the RA. They called for independence from Seminary domination while attacking the resolution.

Though most of the speakers were opposed to the resolution and often drew loud applause, the passing of the resolution by 146 to 26 indicated that the greater majority of rabbis were committed to the rightist position and firmly supported Seminary influence on marriage and divorce.

SPEAKING for Dr. Louis Finkelstein, Seminary chancellor now on a trip to Europe and Israel, Rabbi Simor Greenberg all but let the mountain drop on the heads of the rabbis in his plea for passage of the resolution. Threatening that defeat of the resolution would split the movement or cause the Seminary faculty to resign from the RA, he claimed that Dr. Finkelstein would never have left the coun-

try had he felt that the compromise resolution would not be accepted.

An amendment proposed by Rabbi William P. Greenfield which would have retained the old agreement for one year more while the new agreement was worked over to clearly spell out the freedom it gives the rabbis, was defeated.

WHILE THE new agreement has no time limit, the budget for its activity covers three years.

Though favoring the resolution as a whole the rabbis, almost unanimously, amended the resolution to protect the rabbi who would follow his own conscience in interpreting Jewish law. The amendment deleted a section of the resolution calling for action of censure, suspension or expulsion by the RA of members who issue decisions that disqualify him for membership in the Assembly.

RABBI DAVID AARONSON, author of the resolution, claimed that the joint steering committee and its national Beth Din prove that the Orthodox have no monopoly over halaha.

Of 17 new members voted as new members of the Rabbinical Assembly, not counting those graduating from the Seminary. 14 are Orthodox. Of the 14 rabbis, all of whom serve Conservative congregations at present, five are graduates from Yeshiva university. The others are from Yeshiva Torah Vodaath, Yeshiva Chaim Berlin, Israeli yeshivas and others.

A first was claimed by Rabbi Joseph Goldman of Temple Israel in Norfolk, Va., who was flown to the convention by one of his vice-presidents, Calvin Breit in his private plane. The plane carrying the rabbi, his wife, and daughter landed, after the 300 mile trip, at the Monticello airport four miles from the Concord.

DOCTORS CHOOSE ISRAEL

The World Medical assn., which met this month in Sydney, Australia, voted to hold its 1962 meeting in Israel.

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CONCEPTION OF GOD CALLED INADEQUATE

CONCORD HOTEL, Kiamessa Lake, N. Y. (P-O) — A rabbi respected for his courage and his profundity had some harsh words here for the Jewishness of American Jews.



Kaplan meeting here that "one half of Jewish identity is the product of Gentile exclusiveness and the other half is the product of Jewish association."

"The Jewishness of American Jews," he said, "is only skin deep."

DR. KAPLAN had very little to say that was complimentary

to any of the three wings of Judaism.

Discussing the conception of God, he rejected the Orthodox approach because "it is based on the assumption that the miraculous events recorded in the Bible are the most authentic evidences of His existence."

"**AS FOR** the Reform conception of God, as embodied in ethical monotheism," he said, "it is indeed related to the past of the Jews. Though it makes sense, it points to no specific course of future action for the Jewish people as constituting its destiny. One therefore does not have to be a Jew to live by it."

"The Conservative group recognizes that a definite conception of God is indispensable, but has given little or no thought as to what it should be. It is emotionally compounded of nostalgia for the Orthodox Jew and complacency with the Reform view."

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WOMEN'S VIEWPOINT

We're Making Hypocrites in the Year 1959 By Converting Non-Jews by the Rules of 65

By HELEN COHEN

Rabbi Simon A. Dolgin, in criticizing my effort a few weeks back on "Who Is a Jew?" wrote something to the effect that solutions are not so easily come by. I agree with him.

But I promised to try to do a serious job on the matter for you today so you will bear with this columnist.

THE CONTROVERSY on "Who Is a Jew?" is one of the problems disturbing today's world Jewry simply because there is no authority nor mechanism for interpreting and amending Jewish law to fit the needs of the times.

Until any such official change takes place, a Jew is defined (as I noted previously) as a child born to a Jewish mother, or a non-Jew who "earnestly solicited conversion and underwent the ceremony of the mikva, with mila as additional prerequisite for the male, and who agreed to observe the mitzvot."

LOOKING first at the requirements for a convert, we learn that the mikva (undergoing immersion) is for both sexes and goes back to a pronouncement in the year 65 CE. According to Dr. Solomon Zeitlin in the April Jewish Quarterly Review, "a concave at that time adopted certain measures, one being that all non-Jews were declared to be ipso facto unclean in the degree of a zab. Any Jew who was unclean in the degree of a zab was obliged to be baptized (immersed) after purification and to bring a sacrifice. A non-Jew . . . who wished to join the Jewish community had to be baptized since by entering the group he became purified. He also offered a similar sacrifice . . ."

When we turn to the 613 Divine Commandments compiled from rulings in the Tora we see that Commandment 104 is concerned with a Zab (a man suffering from a flux).

A ZAB, it is explained, is one

who suffers two seminal issues either the same or within two consecutive days—discharges not due to sexual excitement. The issues having ceased and seven clean days elapsed, he must wash his clothes and immerse himself in living (running) water.

It would not be out of place to say that this appears to be one of the commandments which have fallen into disuse among Jews for many years now. Yet the pronouncement in 65 CE based on this commendment continues to be the accepted ritual today for would-be converts.

AS FOR circumcision, Zeitlin explains that this became a requirement for proselytes after the destruction of the Second Temple for two reasons: First, this showed his acceptance of the Judean religion. Jews suffered persecution and even death for observing this ruling. Second, it was done to combat the doctrine of Paul who maintained that the covenant of God with Abraham was not achieved by circumcision.

(This may be a good time to quote Zeitlin on the subject of proselytizing. "The sages" he tells us, "regarded converts highly and extolled those who gave up their idols and accepted the God of Israel . . . The Pharisees canonized the book of Ruth in order to show that a proselyte could become a true Israelite . . . When Christianity became the dominating religion of the Roman Empire the Church prohibited proselytism to Judaism under penalty of death . . . Anyone who came in contact with Judaism was said to be contaminated.")

ON THE THIRD and final requirement for the convert to Judaism, that of agreeing to observe the mitzvot, we again see the need for re-evaluating conversion rites. If a convert is expected to observe the mitzvot, then the born Jew also should be expected to do this. Yet today not only are most of the commandments not observed, they are not observable; and I'd like to hear of any Jewish person outside of the rabbinate who has even a casual acquaintance with the 613.

I don't hear of the laws being taught in the Sunday school or Hebrew schools. The 104th Com-

mandment on the Zab, is a case in point.

The way some would get around this requirement, and it sounds more like hypocrisy than anything else, is to point out that once a Jew, one remains a Jew always, even if one is unobservant or even an atheist. So having converted with the agreement to observe the mitzvot, one can then proceed to behave like one's fellow Jews.

I shall speak again of the position of Reform Judaism next week when I tackle the matter of a Jew being one born to a Jewish woman, but I want to point out now that while all of us including Reform leaders surely would have preferred to have changes made by and for all Israel, when Reform sees the need for change, it has had the courage and ability to make such changes. Reform rabbis as I explained before do not demand immersion in water or circumcision, substituting for them, intense study of and an emotional and ideological commitment to Judaism by the would-be convert. (Rabbi Jay Kaufman in the Congress Bi-Weekly).

Told Von Karajan Was a Nazi

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (P-O) — Although the Jewish community has decided not to place itself in the position of censor of an artistic performer, the Jewish Western Bulletin, Anglo-Jewish weekly here, printed a statement by the Canadian Jewish Congress detailing the long Nazi association of Herbert von Karajan. Karajan is guest conductor at the Vancouver International Festival opening July 11.

"The Congress view is," wrote Editor A. J. Arnold, "that Jewish people should be fully informed of the background of von Karajan so they can make up their own minds as a matter of personal conscience as to whether or not they will support the particular events in which this ex-Nazi is being featured."

Creative or Inactive Is Challenge—Segal

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., (P-O)—American Jewry was challenged here to decide whether it wants "to be known to posterity as a creative and vigorous Jewry or as an over-satiated, unintellectual and uninspired segment" of the American people.

The challenge was given to 500 delegates of the Farband Labor Zionist Order quadrennial convention here by the organization's general secretary, Louis Segal.



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LOOKING BACKWARD

U.S. Halts Visas of German Jews

20 YEARS AGO

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French Zionists protesting Britain's Palestine policy were prohibited from meeting, for the first time, because the meetings "would not be in harmony with France's international interests."

10 YEARS AGO

Congressman Ed Gosset (D, Texas) attacked entrance into the United States of Jewish DPs

as "an injection of virus in our national bloodstream which is already becoming polluted." He singled out Russian Jews as especially undesirable.

Organized Jewish veterans in London prepared to establish regular patrols to prevent assaults on Jews.

FIVE YEAR SAGO

A reign of terror for 10 Jewish families in Dallas, Texas, ended with the arrest by FBI agents of two men who had sought to extort \$200,000 from 20 of the city's top Jewish families.

Two factions of the Zionist Organization of America called separate meetings of all regional presidents. At issue was government of the ZOA between conventions.

ONE YEAR AGO

Jerusalem's religious council removed its hashgaha from two local hotels in an effort to pressure the manager of the hotels to alter his plans for opening the city's first mixed-bathing swimming pool . . . Windows were broken and swastikas smeared on two synagogues in Denver.

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The prize-winning film was "The Wilderness of Zin," a 16mm, 28-minute travelogue on the Negev.

The top filmstrip was "Hillel: Teacher of Love," which depicts highlights in the life of the famous scholar and was produced in 35 color frames.

THE CITATION was made by the National Council on Jewish Audio-Visual Materials, an adjunct of the American Association for Jewish Education.

The Israel film was produced by Samuel Elfert and David Anderman, directed by Fred Steinhart, written by Millard Lampell, narrated by Ted Pehrson, sound and music by Bernard Rosenberg and art research by Doris Sproko.

The Union filmstrip was produced by Dr. Samuel Grand, written by Rabbi Ely E. Pilchik, and illustrated by William Steinel.

Honorable mention went to Dynamic Films, Inc. and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith for their film, "An American Girl," a 28½-minute film

which is based on a true incident of a Gentile adolescent girl who is ostracized because she is suspected of being Jewish.

THE UNITED Synagogue received honorable mention for its filmstrip, "Thus Saith The Lord," a sound, 35-frame filmstrip, in color, written and produced by Alan Shilin and illustrated by Jacques Barosin. This filmstrip reviews the highlights of the lives and teachings of the prophets Elijah, Amos, Isaiah and Jeremiah.

Hadassah also received honorable mention for its film "Hannah Means Grace." A 28-minute film in color, it shows how Hannah, a little on crutches who is a newcomer to Israel, is cured and rehabilitated through a team of doctors, therapists and social workers.

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MIAMI, Fla. (P-O)—A group of American Jewish women playing canasta in the King David hotel on Friday night must have made a poor impression on Rabbi Joseph Narot, of Temple Israel, here, who has just returned from Israel.

Writing in The Jewish Floridian, Rabbi Narot said he saw the women playing as he returned from "a religious service conducted by a group interested in reforming and modifying Jewish observance."

The Miami Reform rabbi wondered whether the Israelis would accept this type of practice from American life or the spiritual life as indicated in the beautiful synagogue built in Jerusalem by Rabbi Israel Goldstein, of New York, and the school building being erected by the Hebrew Union college-Jewish Institute of Religion under Dr. Nelson Glueck.

SEPARATION OF SEXES HELD ORTHODOX BATTLEGROUND

WILMINGTON, Del. (P-O) — The separation of the sexes at worship services in the synagogues was called the new battleground of Orthodoxy by Rabbi Moses Burak, of B'nai Israel of Logan congregation in Philadelphia.

IN A LECTURE at Congregation Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth here, the president of the Rabbinical Association of Philadelphia (Orthodox) derided the modernists who say that separate seating is outworn.

"No," he asserted. "This is the very essence of Jewish history."

RABBI BURAK compared halaha (Jewish law) with the attitude to religious law of the Catholic church, which he said is empowered to give dispensations. "In Jewish life, the synagogue doesn't have such power."

There are no separate laws for the synagogue, and the synagogue is not above Jewish law," He concluded that: "The Orthodox synagogue is expected to have separation of the sexes. This is our new battleground."

DR. BURAK told his audience that the halaha which is all embracing, molds the character of the Jew.

"Even G-d," he asserted is guided by halaha.

He described halaha as having rules for men and women, and said that women are exempt from certain laws.

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Wednesday-Friday, June 3-4. **Fourth national conference on Jewish education**. Roosevelt hotel, Madison ave. and 45th st.

Thursday, June 4, 6:30 p. m. Annual meeting of the New York chapter of the **American Council for Judaism**. Fifth Avenue hotel, Fifth ave and Ninth st.

Friday-Monday, June 5-8. **Fiftieth anniversary convention of B'nai Zion**, the American Zionist fraternal organization. Kutshers country club, Monticello, N. Y.

LECTURES AND SYMPOSIUMS

Sunday, May 31, 8 p. m. Jewish

BOOKS AND RELIGIOUS ARTICLES

Eban Makes It Clear That Claims To Mideast By Single Nation Are Offense Against Peace

THE TIDE OF NATIONALISM, by Abba Eban, \$2.00 (Horizon Press).

Eban is always informed, eloquent, and convincing. His Herbert Samuel lecture, third in the series, is a brilliant statement of the rise of nationalism, with special reference to the Middle East. He makes it clear that there is a vast non-Arab Middle East, which renders claims for a single nation's hegemony over the entire region "an offense against international peace as well as a distortion of history, geography, and law." He compliments Israel on the successes of its first decade, and closes with a heartfelt shehehyanu.

MESSAGE TO JEWRY, by Solomon Schonfeld, \$3.50 (P. Feldheim, American agent).

Dr. Schonfeld is Britain's presiding rabbi of the Union of Orthodox Hebrew Congregations, and principal of the Jewish Secondary Schools movement, which is publisher of his many written messages. These include a great



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number of brief homilies, which other rabbis will find most meritorious, philosophical writings, reports on wartime activities by the chief rabbi's emergency council, remarks on Jewish education, refugees, and Orthodoxy, and a number of scholarly essays. All present a rounded picture of a leader distinguished for piety, learning, practicality, and achievement.

THE DEATH AND LIFE OF GERMANY, by Eugene Davidson, \$5.75 (Knopf).

Mr. Davidson depicts the American occupation as "the remarkable 10 years that transformed a defeated, demolished, and demoralized enemy nation into a healthy, prosperous, and firm rally."

Although there are obvious vestiges of Nazism and anti-Semitism, he believes and demonstrates that democratic influences—after the Nuremberg trials, the airlift, and all the other episodes of the period—now hold sway in West Germany. The voice of Anne Frank resounds in many German ears.

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Monday, June 1, 8 p. m. "Hatzor—the City Joshua Destroyed and Solomon Rebuilt." Illustrated lecture by Dr. Yigael Yadin, of the Hebrew university, Jerusalem. Vanderbilt hall auditorium, 40 Washington sq. S. Admission free.

ART EXHIBITS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

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By SARAH LIEBER

With the end of May, and Memorial Day, the picnic season officially opens.

THIS IS THE time to unwrap the grill and picnic basket from last year. Check up on supplies and lay in a stock of paper plates, cups, napkins and aluminum foil to keep in the basket for those spur-of-the-moment outdoor meals. Make sure you have some charcoal or briquets on hand.

In my own home I always

keep some canned picnic foods on the shelf when summer draws near. We enjoy eating in the backyard or taking some supplies to the park for supper. All fresco dining is one of the easiest ways to entertain, too.

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HEARTY POTATO SALAD PICNIC STYLE

- 1 quart diced cooked potatoes
- 2 tbsps. instant minced onion
- 1/2 tsp. garlic powder
- 3 tbsps. salt
- 1/4 tsp. ground black pepper
- 1 tbsps. cider vinegar
- 2 tbsps. salad oil
- 2 cups diced celery
- 3/4 cup diced green pepper
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- fresh tomato wedges

Combine potatoes, instant minced onion, garlic powder, salt, pepper, vinegar and oil. Let marinate three hours. Just before serving, add celery, green pepper and mayonnaise. Toss lightly and turn into a salad bowl. Garnish as desired with tomato wedges. Serves eight.

BARBECUE SAUCE A LA SOUTH WEST

- 8 oz. can Spanish-type tomato sauce
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/2 cup cider vinegar
- 2 tbsps. fresh lemon juice
- 2 tbsps. sugar

- 1 tsp. powdered dry mustard
- 2 1/2 tbsps. salt
- 1/2 tsp. garlic salt
- 1 tsp. chili powder
- 1/4 tsp. cayenne pepper (optional)
- 1 tbsps. instant minced onion

Combine all ingredients and simmer over low flame for five minutes. Baste hamburgers, steaks, chicken or other meats with the sauce while broiling. Or use as a marinade.

CUMBERLAND SAUCE FOR CHICKEN

- 3/4 cup currant jelly
- 1 can (6-oz.) frozen concentrated orange juice
- 4 tbsps. wine (optional)
- 1 tsp. dry mustard
- 1/2 tsp. powdered ginger
- 1/4 tsp. Tabasco

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Good and Bad About Jewish Life In Small Town Told By Rabbi

By Rabbi JOSEPH SCHWARZ
Temple Beth-El, Benton Harbor, Mich.
In spite of all shortcomings as a whole, Jewish life in a small community can have lasting influence upon its members.

ALL THE advantages and shortcomings of a small Jewish community are conspicuous here in the Twin City area of Benton Harbor-St. Joseph, Mich., located on the eastern shore of Lake Michigan at the mouth of the St. Joseph river.

Practically all Jewish people in the area are known to the Jewish leadership, and most of them—probably more than 80 per cent—are affiliated with one of the synagogues.

A **CLOSE** contact can be maintained between the rabbis and their congregations and between the members of the community.

It is comparatively easy to schedule activities in accordance with the needs of the members. The attendance at religious services is better than in large communities, and interest in religious education can be more easily stimulated.

The religious organizations have an excellent standing in the community at large, and most of the members consider it a matter of pride to maintain this standing.

JEWISH residents participate in almost all community projects; as a matter of fact, many of the community organizations make it a point that one or more Jews be represented on their governing bodies.

One of the members of this Jewish community is a state senator and one of the rabbis was the president of the ministerial association a few years ago.

But in spite of the fine relationship between the Jewish and the non-Jewish communities, the social life between them is rare. There are cases where Jews and non-Jews mix socially, however, these cases are rather the exception than the rule. Such social intercourse occurs especially among young people who are employed in the larger industries.

I HAVE numerous letters from former members who moved away from this town expressing gratitude for the Jewish experience they had in this small community. Most of them are from young couples who were brought up in large Jewish centers of

the East or Midwest and whose contact with Jewish life had ended with bar mitzva or confirmation, people who only reluctantly affiliated with our congregation.

Many of them assumed responsible positions in the large communities into which they moved, but all of them affiliated immediately with Jewish congregations and became active members.

The Benton Harbor-St. Joseph area is a typical Midwestern community with a population of about 60,000. The Jewish population is estimated at 250-300 families, most of them well integrated in the community life. They have their share in the principal sources of income: resort business, fruit farmers and fruit brokers; and industry.

AS IN ALL Midwestern communities Jews are engaged also in retail business and in the professions and to a certain degree in wholesale business and connected occupations.

The centers of Jewish activities are the two synagogues, Temple Beth El, a moderate Reform congregation, and Congregation B'nai Shalom, a right-wing Conservative congregation which is the result of a recent merger of Conservative and Orthodox congregations. Both of these congregations were older than Temple Beth El.

BOTH congregations have their religious, educational and social programs. Both maintain religious and Hebrew schools and youth groups. Temple Beth El also sponsors a nursery school which meets three times a week. Both have an adult education program and Hebrew courses for adults. Both have sisterhoods and men's clubs and both try very

PROFILES ON U.S. JEWRY

This review of Benton Harbor-St. Joseph, Mich. Jewry is part of a continuing series of profiles of American Jewish communities, large and small.

These articles will seek to interpret Jewish life in these cities in terms of the major questions facing the American Jewish community.

hard to furnish adequate Jewish programs.

In addition to these religious organizations there are B'nai B'rith lodges for men and women and an Hadassah chapter.

An overall organization is the Jewish community council consisting of the rabbis, the presidents of all other Jewish organizations or their representatives, and a number of elected members. In general the community council's work is limited to fund-raising affairs for the United Jewish Appeal and other Jewish institutions, and only occasionally does it act upon matters of interest to the entire community.

MANY OF the shortcomings of the community result from the closeness of Jewish community life.

Since both congregations have a comparatively small membership, they are interested in enlarging their membership roster. In many instances not religious conviction but social connections decide what organization to join. This attitude has resulted very often in the religious indifference of people who could have made valuable contributions to the other synagogue. It also has resulted in a duplication of efforts and in an overemphasized demand on people with leadership qualifications.

THE STEADILY increasing budgets of all organizations could be met only with numerous fund-

raising projects—big and small—and these fund-raising efforts are often mistaken for the real aims of the organizations. On the other hand, these efforts have created a sense of loyalty seldom found in a large community.

Cultural activities are handicapped by the small number of interested people. However, all organizations try to include in their regular meetings some specific Jewish cultural programs.

Due to financial strains, it is only occasionally possible to bring into the community people with exceptional abilities.

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ALTERNATIVE IS ANARCHY

Nathan Ziprin, editor of Worldwide News Service, reporting on the press conference held by Herbert B. Ehrmann, newly-elected president of the American Jewish Committee, has Mr. Ehrmann making this statement:

"THE COMMITTEE cannot operate within a pattern of co-operation with other organizations under which it might have to bow to a majority vote on issues toward which it has a different approach."

If this is in fact Mr. Ehrmann's views, and if it does represent the attitude of the American Jewish Committee, then we have nothing more or less than a refusal to yield to the discipline that is democracy. This discipline says that in any common effort, the majority makes the decisions, meanwhile in no way affecting the views of the minority, which may present a minority viewpoint.

THE COMMITTEE isn't as bad in practice as it sounds when it attempts to defend its thesis that there should be no Jewish organization which speaks on a united basis for the American Jewish community. For some reason there is an ingrained fear within the Committee that such an overall agency would serve the Jewish community ill.

We believe this is nothing more than hogwash, but we're willing to let the Committee have its fun, for the Committee is as Zionist as the B'nai B'rith, and its Jewish sympathies are as strong as the American Jewish Congress or the United Synagogue or what have you.

THE POST AND OPINION hails the election of Mr. Ehrmann as new president, and notes the end of the five-year term in office of Irving Engel.

Mr. Engel was a faithful servant of the AJCommittee, and of the U.S. Jewish Community. He strengthened the co-operation of the Committee with Zionist efforts begun under the stewardship of Jacob Blaustein.

BUT A NEW president, given time, is expected to make changes. That is why the Committee as other Jewish organizations, does not give its president longer than five years in office.

And to Mr. Ehrmann we want to say that one as well-acquainted with the American Jewish Community as he is knows that the Committee must grow with the times, that old views do not always fit new situations, and that strength comes from meeting situations not with old shibboleths, but with responses and creativity that the circumstances warrant.

CAN JTA BE INDEPENDENT?

The problem of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, one that has confronted the U.S. Jewish Community for almost 15 years, is not an easy one to solve.

THE JTA CANNOT support itself in the manner of news agencies in the general field, which receive their revenue solely from the publications they serve.

The JTA receives its revenue from the local Jewish communities, from subscriptions to its daily bulletin, and only in a minor way from the Anglo-Jewish publications it serves. We would hazard the guess that the JTA's income from the Anglo-Jewish press doesn't represent even 10 per cent of its operating expenses.

VICTOR BIENSTOCK'S optimistic view (P-O, May 22) that support from the local Jewish communities, through their federations, will solve the JTA's financial problems is some more of the same kind of optimism which has kept the JTA in the red year after year for more than a decade.

But he is even more wrong when he contends that the JTA can ever be independent under its present plan of operation. Even if the U.S. Jewish community were mature—and not the jungle that it is on the national scene—a news agency accepting funds from one or other source within that community has no chance of independence.

AS TO BORIS SMOLAR'S views before the convention of the Anglo-Jewish Press Association on the need for an agency which disseminates information on the situation of world Jewry, we're inclined to agree. What is lacking in the U.S. Jewish community today, we've repeated here many times, is a means of communication.

As a result the publicity agent or organization with the most money—not the one with the most valid case—usually wins out. If there were a national Anglo-Jewish weekly with 100,000 circulation, most of the evils of the bickering and refusal to co-operate in our national Jewish organizations, not to mention the waste and the duplication would disappear overnight.

THE LOCAL JEWISH weeklies could do the job, but they rely too much on the JTA for their news, and their influence naturally is confined to the local level.

The way to build that kind of influential national Jewish weekly is not the way the JTA has been forced by necessity to follow. The publication must be independent of all agencies in the Jewish community and its income must come only from its readers and advertisers.

THIS OF COURSE does not help the JTA in its financial woes.

There are only two suggestions.

One is that an independent fact-finding survey of the JTA operation be conducted by an organization which has competence in the field.

The other is to see that those who use its services pay adequately for them, whether it be the local Anglo-Jewish papers or the subscribers to its daily bulletin.

But of one fact we're sure—the JTA will never be independent as long as it receives its funds from any segment or even all segments of the U.S. Jewish community.

EDITOR'S CHAIR . . .

We've read about four-fifths through "Exodus," and it's a pity that Leon Uris can't write.

AN ANTI-ZIONIST, charged that the novel was Zionist propaganda (P-O, May 15). That it is—in the same way that Jewish history is Zionist propaganda.

The book is powerful and makes absorbing reading. I found it a little difficult to get into the book, because my professional background kept telling my brain that this was trash.

AS I GOT ALONG into the book, I understood why it is so popular. The Jews of today don't know Jewish history of the past 100 years. "Exodus" is Jewish history woven around a novel.

The impact of the book is tremendous.

IT IS JEWISH history in sugar-coated pills, and it unfolds the story of the building of Israel in a way which a thousand speeches can't do—because this reaches the Jew who needs it—while those who like you and me listen to speeches, we pretty well know what took place, if not in the last 100 years, at least since Hitler.

Have you noticed the many new delicious kosher items that are beginning to appear in the advertising columns of The POST and OPINION seeking to win your attention? The P and O will shortly, if it isn't already so, be the place where the Jewish housewife will turn when she prepares to do her shopping.

THERE HAVE been many advances in the purveying of kosher items in the past five to ten years—almost a revolution to be accurate.

This has come about because of the availability of such a wide variety of kosher items on the shelves of your favorite store.

INSTEAD OF POORLY packaged and un-

appetizing looking kosher foods, you now can select from many different brands, all as brightly packaged and appealing-looking as the best products of the largest manufacturer.

If there are any products advertised in The POST and OPINION which your own local store doesn't stock, all you need do is drop a note to the Service Dept., National Jewish POST and OPINION, 110 W. 40th St., New York 18, and soon your favorite store will be offering the item.

THE BEST SPECIAL edition published in recent years by any Jewish publication is, in our opinion, the one issued by The Jewish News, of Newark. This paper is owned by the Jewish community through its local federation.

Evidently as part of its educational campaign for the local annual drive, the publication printed a 35-page special edition covering the activities which are made possible through funds raised in the drive. But this is no prosaic, unimaginative special issue. Not at all. Top writers both here and in Israel, most of them daily newspaper people, wrote in a pulsating way about what could have been the most drab subject—an old home, a Jewish center, etc.

JUST TO SHOW you the planning that went into this special, the paper chose a family—father, mother and two daughters—arriving in Vienna from Rumania, and then traced their steps with pen and photographs through Italy, aboard the steamer and into Haifa. In Israel, another correspondent took over, and followed the same four into their first home that same day in Israel, and their first meal in their new house. Quite exciting reading, and our hats off to The Jewish News for a job well done.

"Let Us Now Praise Famous Men"

By RABBI JACOB J. WEINSTEIN
KAM Temple, Chicago

I am glad that the Jewish community of Chicago has found fitting ways of taking note of the 200th anniversary of Georg Friedrich Handel's death. I have often said that the immortality of men depends only partly on their own character and achievements. It depends as much on the will and the sense of values of the living.



Rabbi Weinstein

those who worship at the feet of Handel.

But the Lord saves by few as well as by many. And we should be privileged to be among these few.

IT IS A SLIGHTLY contrived coincidence that this sentiment comes from the book of Maccabees.

When "Judas Maccabeus" appeared on the stage of Convent Garden, in 1746, it was the first time in many generations that an English audience was treated to the portrayal of an heroic Jew. It was a true antidote to Shakespeare's Shylock and all his puny imitators. Handel performed a service that no anti-defamation society could ever accomplish. We Jews shall always be grateful to Handel for having given an adequately heroic setting to the exploits of the Glorious Brothers Maccabee.

HANDEL FOUND other Jewish characters congenial to his taste, as his oratories on Esther, Jephtha, Samson, Saul, Deborah and Solomon would indicate. Even his most famous work, "The Messiah," begins with the sentence from Isaiah 40, "Comfort Ye, Comfort Ye, My People." Sir George Adam Smith says of this: "I do not know whether Handel had heard the original Hebrew, but he has caught its music in the bars with which 'The Messiah' begins."

Israel unhappily forgot its ancient glory when Vespasian and Titus levelled Jerusalem

to the ground. Our music became the weeping of orphans and the minor wail of the penitent for the smile of God's favor. We buried the glory of David and Judas behind the bushes of our tears.

HANDEL KEPT alive the joyous clamor of the song of triumph and our unyielding faith. He matched the major affirmation of "Who is like unto Thee among the mighty?"

Now we can celebrate his music and the story of our people, not as a nostalgic yearning for things that have been and are no more, but rather as the proper accompaniment of the song of ascents which our brethren are singing in Israel today. The modern Maccabees and their American friends can fittingly hear the masterful arias of the oratorio, not only as the celebration of ancient triumphs but as cheerful premonitions of victories to come.

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Concentration Camp Murder Unfolded

BIZARRE STORY OF RE'ENGE FOR WIPING OUT FAMILY TOLD

JERUSALEM (P-O) — A man who deserted the Israeli navy to join the French foreign legion to track down the murderer of his parents and his three brothers in a concentration camp walked out of an Israeli prison this week.

Yediot Aharonot, daily paper, published the bizarre tale of Eliahu Itzkowitz.

Itzkowitz deserted the Israel navy when his ship docked at an Italian port in 1953, made his way to France where he joined the foreign legion to follow the Rumanian Fascist leader whom he learned had sought refuge in the legion.

He caught up with the Fascist in Indo-China, and avenged his family's murder.

Itzkowitz returned to Israel and gave himself up to authorities, who imposed the minimum sentence after taking into consideration the unusual circumstances of his desertion.

Klutznick Tells Israelis To Pipe Down

JERUSALEM (P-O) — Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion may not like the fact that an American Jewish organization is holding its convention in Israel after all.

For the first crack out of the box, Philip Klutznick, president of B'nai B'rith, which made history by becoming the first U. S. Jewish organization to hold its regular convention in the Jewish state, told Ben-Gurion to pipe down about American Jewry coming to Israel.



Klutznick

Of course the doctory president of the Jewish lodge didn't mention Ben-Gurion by name, but he might as well have done so, for no one was fooled.

"Importuning calls for wholesale migration (to Israel) are not only foredoomed to failure, but detrimental to Israel as a negative attitude toward Jewish life elsewhere," Klutznick declared.

HE WARNED Israel not to pin false hopes on the possibilities of any important immigration from U. S. Jewry and other free lands.

He asserted "the majority of Jews will continue to live in lands outside Israel. This may be a hard fact for extravagant nationalism to accept, but to blink at it is utter folly."

Pointing out that anti-Semitism today is a receding factor in the lives of Jews, Klutznick, who is retiring after six years as president, said that the relationship between Jews of the world and Israel is the key challenge in Jewish life.

WORLD JEWRY, he declared, "must not be characterized in the Israeli mind as available targets for immigration campaigns nor their reluctance to emigrate be derided."

In the frankest words the Israelis have heard about American Jewry in years, Klutznick insisted that it would be an "unwise and unproductive venture for Israel to anticipate any disintegration of Jewish life in the free lands as a boon to large-scale Aliyah."

THE 1,300 DELEGATES, mostly from the U.S., crowded the huge convention center to hear the welcoming by President Ben Zvi. The invocation was delivered by Chief Sephardic Rabbi Yitzchak Nissim.

The never-failing message from President Eisenhower, without which no U.S. Jewish convention can be opened, lauded the B'nai B'rith activities.

West Germany To Give B'nai B'rith \$2.4 Million

JERUSALEM (P-O) — The B'nai B'rith announced here that it had made an agreement with West Germany for \$2,400,000 as restitution for properties of the Order confiscated by the Nazis in 1939.

National Leadership Mediocre--Toubin

NEW YORK (P-O) — National Jewish leadership was criticized as mediocre by Isaac Toubin, executive director of the American Jewish Congress.

Speaking at the Herzl institute



Toubin

here as part of the conference on Jewish public opinion, Toubin had words of praise for local Jewish leadership, which he said was very effective.

The Congress official said that "crisis" conditioning of American Jews" which he termed a conscious effort to determine and shape public opinion is "harmful."

"The effort to raise the largest possible amount of money," he added "is now contingent on the development of a new 'emergency' every year."

He said the absence of emergencies leads to a calamitous fall-off in fund-raising and cited the recent Rumanian crisis as a case in point.

"Leaders of the United Jewish Appeal were impaled on the horns of a dilemma. They could talk about a great historic opportunity of rescuing Jews who were emigrated from Eastern Europe and appeal to the mind, or they could enlarge on the crisis of expulsion and appeal to the heart."

Toubin said that cautious policy dictated the first approach, successful fund-raising the latter.

As a result, he declared, Rumania shut off the very emigration which UJA needed for its fund-raising efforts.

Toubin said there is a tragic and immature reluctance to create public opinion in American Jewry which will see the real dimensions of Jewish needs as "permanently emergent."

The main vehicle for creating an intelligent public opinion cannot come through a subsidized press. He indicated that the community could be served best by independent newspapers.

TOUBIN explained that when a campaign depends on a newspaper there cannot be a free press.

He called for an establishment of an Institute for Jewish affairs which would be an all-encompassing Jewish news bureau, of which JTA will be just a part.

DR. EMIL LEHMAN, director of the Herzl institute, speaking at the conference on "Feeling the Pulse of Jewish Public Opinion," proposed the establishment of a Institute for Jewish Public Opinion. Dr. Lehman said, "I am not shooting for the moon in proposing the establishment of such an institute. It can be done and it must be done." Such an institute, he said, "will answer a real need for the growing and maturing of this American Jewish community of ours."

Catholic Paper Challenges Ruling Kosher Market May Open Sunday

BOSTON, Mass. (P-O) — The Boston Sunday Herald upheld the decision of a three-man federal court permitting a kosher supermarket which closes on Saturday to remain open on Sunday, but the Pilot, official newspaper of the Catholic Archdiocese of Boston, took an opposing view.

THE DECISION was a majority one, with one judge dissenting.

The commonwealth's attorney is studying an appeal to the Supreme Court, but meanwhile the Crown Supermarket of Springfield will remain open.

Joining the firm in the suit was a group of its customers, including Rabbi Moses D. Sheinkopf, of Springfield

THE SUNDAY Herald said that "Respect for the Sabbath (Sunday) should not be enforced through a series of discriminatory legislative dicta."

The Pilot's view was expressed in a lead editorial, which said in part:

"Without inflicting disabilities on those who hold religious observance on another day, religious Christians should see to it that the day of rest established by law is not so debased as to discourage Christian worship and to distract from Christian observance. This present decision, with its mocking plea for religious liberty, is just such a debasement and no amount of 'good intentions' on the part of its authors can change its character."

REPRESENTING the Crown Supermarket was Herbert B. Ehrmann, newly-elected president of the American Jewish Committee.

DULLES FRIEND OF ISRAEL: B-G

JERUSALEM (P-O) — "Our people regarded him as a wise and loyal friend," was the way Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion described the Israel feeling towards John Foster Dulles, in a letter of condolence to President Eisenhower.

Organized Jewish Life Ends In Bulgaria

JERUSALEM (P-O) — The heavy hand of Communism fell this week on the Consistory of Bulgarian Jews which voted to dissolve, ending organized Jewish life in the satellite, following criticism that it failed to disseminate enough information on "the imperialist nature of Zionism."

3 Go To Hospital As Soccer Flight Flares

BEERSHEBA (P-O) — Spectators at a soccer game objecting to the attack of the Betar goal keeper on a Beersheba Hapoel player sent Cohen to the hospital, along with the goal keeper he had hit. A spectator was also injured in the fracas.

150 Polish Jews Leave for Israel

VIENNA (P-O) — Hopes for increased Polish Jewish emigration were revived here as 150 Jewish men, women, and children passed through the city en route to Israel.

WOULD NOT JOIN JEWISH AGENCY BODY-COMMITTEE

NEW YORK (P-O) — The proposal now before a number of non-Zionist national Jewish organizations to join an advisory group of the Jewish Agency was rejected by the newly-elected president of the American Jewish Committee.

Meeting with Jewish newsmen for the first time in his new capacity, Herbert B. Ehrmann, of Boston, said the Committee

would not join the Jewish Agency under any arrangement.

Ehrmann also formulated the thesis behind the Committee's reluctance to join hands with other U. S. Jewish groups in pursuance of common objectives, declaring that the Committee cannot conceive of being bound by majority decisions on matters on which it has a distinctive view.

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I THINK AS I PLEASE

Here's a Good Way to Break the Israel-Jordan Deadlock

By CARL ALPERT

HAIFA — The idea was suggested by the Rev. William H. Hudnut Jr., a distinguished Protestant clergyman from Rochester, N. Y., who has been touring the Middle East. He spent



Alpert

I don't know what the official attitude of the Israel government would be toward the Rev. Hudnut's interesting, indeed dramatic proposal, but it certainly deserves thoughtful consideration on the part of men of good will in Israel, in Jordan, and in the United Nations.

time in Egypt, Jordan, Israel, interviewed dozens of people of both sides, and sought to view the controversial issues of the Middle East with dispassionate objectivity.

ON MT. SCOPUS stand the empty buildings of the once magnificent Hadassah hospital. Although under full control and sovereign jurisdiction of Israel, the hospital and the adjacent Hebrew university buildings, are not used because access to them is only via a strip of Jordan territory. Jordan permits only a fortnightly change of the guard, nothing more.

At the same time, the old city of Jerusalem suffers from lack of hospital facilities. Arabs and Jews alike used to receive treatment at the Hadassah hospital, but since that institution was closed down, no proper hospital has been made available on the Jordan side of the line.

THE IDEA, which I venture to elaborate slightly, runs as follows: Hadassah and the government of Israel, perhaps through the good offices of Dag Hammarskjöld, propose to the Jordan government the full reopening of the hospital on Mt. Scopus. It

will once again be staffed with Israel doctors and nurses, fully equipped—and be made available to serve patients from both sides of the lines, irrespective of nationality or religion.

This was indeed the original program of Hadassah, and in full consonance with its tradition. WHAT DOES this achieve? From the Arab point of view, it makes available a service which Rev. Hudnut and other visitors report, is sorely lacking in Old Jerusalem. Disease is common, health standards are poor, and professional experts lacking.

Not so long ago a Jordanian family asked permission to have their child treated by a Jewish physician in Israel. The permission was granted, the line was crossed, and the cause of mercy was served.

WHY CAN this not be done as matter of permanent policy?

At the same time, the Arabs are not put in the position of yielding or surrendering any-

thing — an important consideration when dealing with them. Mt. Scopus is, after all, Israel territory. The armistice agreement provides for Israel's access to it, and only the implementation has been delayed. Without sacrificing a single principle, the Jordan government can provide its people with a degree of medical service otherwise beyond their reach. The approach is purely humanitarian, and serving their own best interests.

FROM THE Israel point of view, it helps to bring normalcy closer. It is not a victory, because it gives the country only what it is already entitled to under the agreement—access to Mt. Scopus. But beyond that it for the first time permits a degree of relationship between Israel and its neighbors. One step leads to another, and as every observer of the Middle East agrees, it is only the first step that is difficult.

All kinds of political difficulties can be envisaged; the pessimists will be certain that it can not work; the diplomats will say that there is no precedent for it in international affairs.

Then let this be the precedent. If some think that it calls for an extreme generosity on the part of Israel, so be it; let Israel make this generous offer, without restrictions and without reservations. It may very well be the first step toward breaking the 11-year-old deadlock.

THE IMPORTANT thing is that the offer be made that it be made with good will and in a friendly spirit.

If it is rejected by the Arabs — well, they will only be spiting themselves, and the world will once again have a very vivid demonstration of the true state of affairs in this part of the world. But I feel strongly that if the proposal is made with proper tact and diplomacy, it can succeed.

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HELPED GET AUDIENCE FOR RABBI SHULMAN'S WIFE

(Editor's note:) When Mr. Tonkon answered the letter of Rabbi Charles Shulman (P-O, May 1) we deleted from Mr. Tonkon's letter the remarks about Mrs. Shulman because of excessive length and our feeling that Mrs. Shulman was not a party to the discussion. Mr. Tonkon disagreed with our editing, and consequently we are printing below the excised portions of his original letter.)

MRS. SHULMAN might remember that one of those "phonys," "masochistic Jewish self-haters" and "psychopaths," an ardent member of the American Council for Judaism, whom she did not know, was asked by a mutual friend in Chicago to extend her some courtesies.

It seems at the time Mrs. Shulman was a paid worker for the World Jewish Congress and wanted to come to a Southern city (name of city and party involved will be happily furnished to anyone interested) to do some organizing. She did not know anyone in that city and the Congress organization was not too formidable.

THE IDEOLOGY of the World Jewish Congress and Mrs. Shulman were in diametric opposition to the ideology and eternal verities held by this member of the ACJ, yet when he learned that Mrs. Shulman could not have a meeting of like-minded people, he called a group of some 25 Jewish Nationalists together as his guests at a luncheon, presented Mrs. Shulman to them and told them that while he disagreed with her, and the precepts of the World Jewish Congress, he felt as a result of his universalistic Jewish teachings that she had a right to be heard and an opportunity to further the cause of her organization and then declared the meeting was hers and theirs.

She then sought the opportunity to speak from either an Orthodox or Conservative pulpit on the forthcoming Sabbath and it was this same "masochist" who

professed the "kind of religion" Rabbi Shulman says he saw at first hand when Mr. Coleman and his coterie in Chicago were members of the temple in Glencoe, who arranged this, although not a member of his synagogue but of the Reform synagogue.

BECAUSE none of these activists of the Congress in that city (knowing Mrs. Shulman was to speak at the synagogue) invited her to dinner before the service that Friday night, this same "Jewish self-hater" and his equally "self-hating" wife, invited Mrs. Shulman to their home for dinner and she can bear witness to how the Sabbath was ushered in, the sanctification of God, the blessing of the candles, the kiddush, the blessing of the bread, and the brief reading from the prayer book. They escorted her to the synagogue and worshiped there and listened to her talk.

This is but one example of the myriad which would put to rightful shame the blasphemous language Rabbi Shulman employs. However, people of deep religious conviction (and they are not necessarily those who are always to be found in the synagogue, although I believe in the value of public worship) do not flaunt their religious convictions. It is a voluntary and utterly personal matter and no one, leastwise a rabbi, can with justification of the vows he intoned at his ordination, irresponsibly heap excommunications and aspersions on them.

This has been a somewhat long story, but I felt it had to be told for the benefit of your readers who might have read Rabbi Shulman's intemperate "monograph" . . .

I. EDWARD TONKON
Dallas 1, Texas

TWO STREETS NAMED SALK
JERUSALEM (P-O) — Two streets in Israel, one at Ramat Gan and the other in Holon, have been renamed after Dr. Jonas Salk who has concluded his visit to the Jewish state as guest of the government.

Rabbi Interviewed By Telephone Was Not Stranger

• Editor Jewish POST and OPINION
Your issue of May 15 includes a story, apparently emanating from Ottawa and captioned "Something New in Choosing Rabbi."

As a whole it is reasonably accurate, except that the name of our city is misspelled as is that of the rabbi. Likewise, the distance from Ottawa to Orlando is not 2,000 miles and your informant did not estimate the size of our committee accurately.

Furthermore, your informant did not tell you that Rabbi Michael Kurz had visited our community for three days, some two months ago. Likewise he omitted to advise you that some of our board had personal visits and telephone interviews with Rabbi Kurz in Florida. You may also assume that our congregation made the usual discreet enquiries concerning this and other applicants.

However, we recommend the conference type of telephone interview in cases where the parties know each other—it beats waiting around airports and picking up the tab.

A. H. LIEFF
President

Agudath Israel Congregation
Ottawa, Canada

Claims Look Letter Lists Sen. Gruening As Not Jewish

• Editor Jewish POST and OPINION
Here is an excerpt from a letter Look magazine sent me in regard to the number of Jews in the Senate:

"From the religious point of view, only Senators Neuberger and Javits are Jewish. Two others are of Jewish ancestry, but are not members of the faith. Senator Gruening of Alaska is a Congregationalist, and Senator Goldwater of Arizona is a Presbyterian."

I believe The POST and OPINION should check up on the fact of Senator Gruening of Alaska being a Congregationalist. If this be so, he certainly should not be feted at Jewish affairs, and he should not at all be treated as a Jew any longer.

SAMUEL DYEN
New York 33, N. Y.

HOW CAN JEWS CALL JESUS A 'PROPHET'?

• Editor Jewish POST and OPINION
I have read the several letters concerning Jesus. Not being a scholar, but being intellectually curious, I would like to know the sources of the "facts" that these scholars rely on.

IF I RECALL correctly, there is no record of Jesus except the New Testament. I am ignoring the statement in Josephus because it is acknowledged that it is a subsequent interpolation.

I remember reading some years ago that an English cleric stated that there is great doubt whether such a person as Jesus even

lived, but to him it is of no consequence because it is the New Testament, its teachings and philosophy that he accepts.

But why should we, professing Jews, accept the New Testament as factual? . . .

ON WHAT BASIS, therefore, do some Jews and rabbis call him a "great prophet" or "a great Jew," "the greatest Jew," etc.?

Certain references in the Talmud may or may not refer to Jesus, there is just as much authority for accepting one view as the other.

We have just as much right to call the central figures of Mohammedanism, Mormonism, etc. "prophets" as we have for doing so with Jesus.

REUBEN COBLENS
Brooklyn 30, N. Y.

Sees Talk of Jesus In P-O out of Place

• Editor Jewish POST and OPINION
Re. the debate of Dr. Eisen-drath, Dr. Mann, and Dr. Neiman about the status of Jesus, I feel the whole discussion is out of place, particularly in a Jewish publication, because I believe that not only Tora Jews find it distasteful, but I'm sure the majority of the Christian community must resent these views expressed by non-Christians about one who they believe to be their Lord.

The net result is that it only creates ill will toward the Jewish community.

As a responsible editor, I feel that it is your duty to use better discretion as to what should be printed in your paper.

RABBI SIMCHA LEVY
Montreal 26, Que.

Seeks Information About Rev. Holmes, Rabbi Wise

• Editor Jewish POST and OPINION
I am gathering material for a joint biography of the lifelong friendship and interrelated ministries of the Rev. John Haynes Holmes and the late Rabbi Stephen S. Wise and would appreciate letters, documents, reminiscences, anecdotes and any pertinent information. All such material will be carefully copied and returned to the sender.

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On the normaler(?) side of things, USY elected new officers

last week: Ben Goldstein, prez; Sid Miller, 1st veep; Rena Gold, second veep; Alan Goldstein, treasurer; Janice Safran, rec. sec.; Natalie Klain, corr. sec.



Elaine work he has devoted to the group.

Twenty lovely ladies were initiated into Deb-Ette last Sunday, following the annual Deb-Ette spring dance; Marilyn Schahet was chosen best pledge. It's worth noting that each of these girls did an hour of philanthropic work each week before initiation, helping down at the many organizations in the English Foundation Bldg.; assistance, unskilled as it may be, is always welcome down there, so you might give it a thought for the long summer ahead.

A SURE sign of spring, the annuals have come out at SHS . . . such tender sentiments being

Gertrude Moskowitz Plans July Wedding In Connecticut

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moskowitz, 3219 N. New Jersey, are announcing the coming marriage of their daughter, Gertrude, to

Michigan City BB Men, Women Install Officers

Herbert Joseph, president of the Indiana B'nai B'rith state assn., installed Saul Hutner lodge and Alex B. Good chapter officers following a dinner at Sinai temple, Michigan City, last week.

LODGE OFFICERS are president, Allan Bluestein; vice-presidents, Saul Kessler and Joseph Bunes; secretaries, Sidney Feibus and Irving Klain; treasurer, Dr. Samuel Weinberg; and chaplain, Morris Zaremski.

Chapter officers are president, Mrs. Sidney Feibus; vice-presidents, Mmes. Reuben Berman and Samuel Weinberg; secretaries, Mmes. Milton Maidenber and Irving Klain; treasurer, Mrs. Saul Weiss; and counselor, Mrs. Henry Fleck.

PAST PRESIDENTS' pins were presented to Morris Zaremski and Daniel Resneck.

A program commemorating Armed Services Day was presented by David R. Lurie and Daniel Resneck.

COHEN ACTS ON PANEL

Marshall Cohen, executive director of the Indianapolis Jewish Community Relations council, served on a panel discussion on housing at the City Hall May 21, before the mayor's Commission on Human Rights.

10 Cakes Don't Make A Minyan

Even though Rabbi Karl Richter of Michigan City's Sinai temple reported last week how pleased he was over an increase in Friday evening attendance he found it necessary to add that he can't count cakes in making up a minyan.

Writing in his bulletin he explained that "once in a while we notice that members who sponsor oney shabbats are only represented by their cakes and cookies."

"Although their contributions are worthy examples of the culinary arts, we would much prefer to welcome our friends in person," he wrote.

Oscar Tobias To Marry Miss F. Shenker

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Shenker of Sacramento, Calif. have announced the engagement of his daughter, Fannye Shenker, to Oscar Tobias, 2951 Ruckle.

Miss Shenker, who has been residing in Columbus, O., is also the daughter of the late Esther Shenker.

The bride-elect attended Ohio State university. Her fiancé is the son of Mrs. Ida Tobias, and the late Joseph Tobias. He is associated with Green Distributors.

The wedding date has been set for Aug. 30.

Council Garden Club's Last Meeting June 5

Indianapolis section National Council of Jewish Women's Garden club's last luncheon meeting will be at 12:30 p. m. Friday, June 5.

It will be held at the home of Mrs. Myron Wolf, 5616 N. Meridian, and will feature Ted Tuschinsky, who will speak on roses and their care.

Hostesses will be Mmes. Sam Prager, Jerome Abrams, and Leonard Solomon. For reservations call CL 1-5434.

exchanged, my!

Temple Teens will install their new officers Sunday, June 7, at a dinner and DJ dance . . . Bernie Herman with the records. The evening should be fun, pay your \$2 and c'mon along. The TT's presented a gift to Rabbi Goldman after services last week.

Councilettes aided the welfare drive again last Sunday, driving and running errands to help complete the campaign. Good work, gals.

David Goldstein, cadet major in SHS ROTC, won the Indianapolis News ROTC award at Federal inspection, May 26.

Helaine Stein has been awarded the Frank B. Wade chemistry award from SHS.

New Deb-Ette officers were elected May 26. They are Charlene Greenberger, president; Jeanne Decker, vice-president; Mickey Wides, secretary; and Diane Lochman, treasurer.

That's about the buzz for now; the traffic should be pretty heavy from now on, with the collegiate set coming home, and guests and travelers coming in and out of the city. Don't give up on those books yet . . . see ya next week.

Many Parties Honor Nuptials Sunday of Frances Calderon

A round of parties to honor the June 7 marriage of Frances Calderon and Israel Samuel Lazero will come to a close with a rehearsal dinner Saturday, June 6, in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Calderon, 6007 Crows Nest dr.

The couple will be married in an afternoon ceremony in Congregation Beth-El Zedeck.

AMONG THE affairs honoring Miss Calderon were a luncheon given by Paula Langman May 21, in the King Cole restaurant, a dinner party May 22, given by Mrs. Ann Abraham and her daughter, Linda, and a luncheon at the Broadmoor country club given by Mmes. Leon Frisch, Joseph Celender, Harold Lewis, and Morris Regenstreif.

Another luncheon was given by Mmes. Abe Becker, Morris Cald-

eron, and Albert Nahmias, and the Graylyn hotel was the scene of another noontime affair at which Mmes. Nat Smith and Michael Smith were hostesses.

A **DINNER** party for the couple was held by Mr. and Mrs. Becker, and Mr. and Mrs. Nahmias in Westchester country club, and another luncheon was given by Mrs. Ben Paller and her daughter, Judy.

The groom-elect's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lazero of Memphis, Tenn., honored the couple at an open house and reception in their home Mar. 28.

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In Membership Campaign

Council Displays Varied Program

Members of the Indianapolis section National Council of Jewish Women are planning their annual membership drive by displaying the Council's varied program.

THE GROUP will hold its annual membership lunch Monday, May 8, at the home of Mrs. Theodore Dann, 177 W. 106th st.

Council membership is open to any woman in the Jewish community, and each one may

be able to find something of interest in such activities as the Ship-A-Box or the Lend-A-Toy program.

FOR THE YOUNG mother there are discussion groups on pre-school children, Jewish family life, and school problems.

The Ship-A-Box program is for those who like to work with and for children. Clothing and play materials are sent to institutions in Europe and the Middle East. Locally, in the Lend-A-Toy Shelf program, toys and playthings are distributed to non-contagious bed-ridden children.

For the education-minded, Council supports a scholarship

program for foreign students in the U. S., the school of education for secondary teachers at the Hebrew university, and service to foreign born. Help and classes in English are given wherever needed to new arrivals in the community.

SOCIAL action and legislation on the national and local scene means a Council observer at the United Nations, in Washington, and at our state legislature, to keep members informed of events and legislation in which they are interested.

For those with merchandising interests, there is "Thrift Shop," a second hand store, stocked with donations by members and merchants, with whose profits Council's local program is supported.

And for ladies over 50, there is the golden age club, which meets weekly with its own program and community projects.

Mrs. Harold Stadler is president of the Indianapolis section.

Deborah Ladies To Install

The closing installation dinner of the Deborah sisterhood of Etz Haim synagogue (Sephardic) will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 2, at the Warren hotel.

Albert P. Nahmias will install Mmes. Abe Ofengender, president; Jack Meshulam, Morris J. Cohen and Grace Nefouse, vice-presidents; Monroe Alt, Robert Klein, secretaries; and Leon L. Calderon, treasurer.

A variety show "Mish-Mash" will be presented by Mmes. Al Rubenstein, Harry Nahmias, Sol Nefouse, Frances Gray, Sylvia Cohen, Joe Mermelstein, Al Passo, Irv Sacks, David Profeta, Al Profeta, Alt, Klein and Calderon.

Reservations may be made by calling Mrs. Hy Calderon, CL 1-9105.

Asthmatic Home Group To Install

Mrs. Herman Liberman will install Mrs. Joseph Schwimer as president of Indianapolis chapter Jewish National Home for Asthmatic Children and Children's Asthma Research institute and hospital, Denver, at a luncheon Tuesday, June 2.

A season-closing event for the group, the luncheon will be held at 12:30 p. m. at Brodey's Village Inn, 21st and Arlington.

Other new officers will be Mmes. Gary Much, Alex Schwartz, Saul Levin, and Joseph Solinsky, vice-presidents; Mmes. Aaron Goldman, Edward Levin, and Irving Goldman, secretaries; and Mrs. Henry Berger, treasurer.

A social hour will follow the installation.

RABBI TO GIVE TALK

Rabbi Maurice Davis will deliver the baccalaureate address at Vincennes university, Vincennes, Ind. May 31.

Arthur Paul Max Bar Mitzva June 6

Friends and relatives are invited to the bar mitzva of Arthur Paul Max, Friday and Saturday, June 5-6, at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck.

The services will begin at 8:30 p. m. and at 10:30 a. m. respectively.

The bar mitzva is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Abraham Max, 5640 Guilford, and the grandson of Mrs. Mayer Max of Sheboygan, Wisc.

His aunt and uncle, Dr. and Mrs. Herman M. Sondel of Chicago, are among the expected cut-of-town guests.

HILLEL AWARDS

Purdue university's Hillel foundation awarded Henry Dobrowitz a worker key recently.

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Representing Auxiliary Hadassah is Mrs. Joseph Epstein. The ladies initiated plans for the drive at a kickoff coffee at the Dworkus home May 22.

It will be culminated by an affair June 24, at the home of Mrs. Howard Kahn.

COMMITTEE members include:

Mmes Myro Glass, Aaron Glick, Henry Schildmeier, Charles Fisch, Manny Hilton, Leon Frisch, Zachary Schreier,

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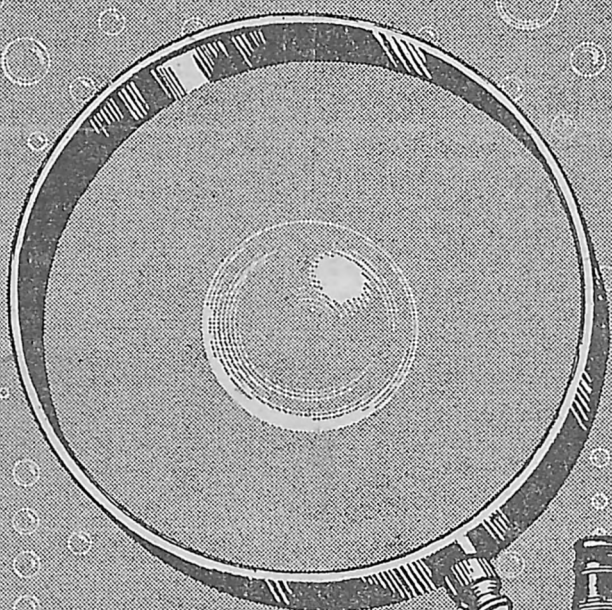
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